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CARBONDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG AND GUN CONVICTIONS

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 29, 2006, **BRANDON J. McDADE**, age 22, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton. **McDADE**, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, was sentenced to 210 months' imprisonment, 5 years' supervised release, and was fined \$450.

The violations took place between July 2003, and April 24, 2004, in Jackson, Randolph and Perry Counties. Co-defendants JAMONTE ALLISON, DETRIC D. ROSEMAN, ULYSSES WILLIAMS, a/k/a "J.R.," DEMETRIUS JOHNSON, a/k/a "Mete," and ANTONIO D. WATSON, have previously been sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment, 240 months' imprisonment, 235 months' imprisonment, 200 months' imprisonment, and 168 months' imprisonment, respectively, for their roles in the drug conspiracy.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative effort of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Perry County Sheriff's Department and Pinckneyville Police Department also participated in the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.